Development of Araku valley in Andhra Pradesh for tourism

2300. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey of the tourism potential of Araku Valley in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Araku Valley could be developed as the premier hill station in Eastern Ghats in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to assist in development of infrastructure in Araku Valley for tourism?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh conducted a survey of tourist places in the State including Araku Valley in the year 1990. The development of Borra Lime Stone caves near Araku Valley and creation of trekking facilities are the recommendations contained in the survey report. No such survey has, however, been conducted by the Central Government.

(d) Central financial assistance for the development of tourism infrastructure is provided on the basis of specific project proposals received from the State Government and availability of resources. A sum of Rs. 4.5 lakhs was thus sanctioned during 1990-91 for flood lighting of Borra caves and Rs. 10.54 lakhs was sanctioned during 1992-93 for the purchase of trekking equipments.

Conversion of Gaya Aerodrome into International Airport

2301. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gaya and Bodh Gaya in Bihar are major centres of pilgrimage;

(b) whether Bodh Gaya has the potential to attract Buddhists from all over the world;

(c) if so, whether Government intend to convert Gaya aerodrome into an international airport and develop a tourist infrastructure in the area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to convert Gaya airport into an international airport. Department of Tourism have sanctioned various schemes since 1990-91 at a cost of Rs. 50.05 lacs for development of tourist facilities in Gaya and Bodh Gaya.
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इंडियन एयरलाइंस की विमानों में शराब परोसे जाने पर प्रतिबंध

2302. श्री सोमपाल :
श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल
श्री शारदा महन्ती :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार को विभिन्न नगरों और संस्थाओं से इंडियन एयरलाइंस की घरेलू उड़ानों में शराब न परोसे जाने के संबंध में अनुरोध प्राप्त हुये हैं ; और